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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: **EARLY BILL PAYMENT PROCESS**

Enclosed are:

16 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.  
 9 sheets of drawing.  
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
 A Recordation of Assignment Request and a copy of the executed Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700. (original + 1)  
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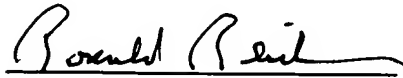
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